

Pathfinder of the Year Requirements

1. Earn 100% of the Club Points available.
2. Earn one or more Pathfinder Honours outside of the Club.
3. Earn the Honours available to earn in the Club.
4. Earn an Advanced Class-work Bar.
5. Do one Share Your Faith Activity outside of the Club.
6. Earn the Pathfinder Good Conduct Award.

Pathfinder of the year

This award is presented yearly to Pathfinders who have been exemplary in their life of Pathfinder Ideals and who meet various pre-requisites as established by individual Pathfinder Clubs. While there is no set list of requirements to obtain the Pathfinder of the Year Award, nor is there any mandate that only one Pathfinder in a Club can achieve this Award in a year, it was deemed appropriate and needful to provide options for clubs to consider using in the selection of the Pathfinder of the Year. Below is a wide spectrum of ideas, each with its own positive and negative points. Select prayerfully and wisely.

Who should receive the Pathfinder of the year Award?

A club has several options to choose from:

- b) One Pathfinder
- c) One boy and one girl
- d) One junior and one teen
- e) Any number in place of "one"
- f) Establish requirements where all could achieve the award

What pre-requisites could there be? Here are some suggestions to stimulate your thinking:

- b) Earn the Good Conduct Ribbon
- c) Be present and on time to at least 85% of all meetings and functions
- d) All uniform insignia is intact and properly placed
- e) Conduct at home, school, church, and in the club is courteous, kind, obedient and an example to others
- f) Spiritual (reverent, baptized, attends Sabbath School and church, studies lesson)
- g) Participates in local club function, conference-wide functions, church functions
- h) Outstanding accomplishments during the year at school, church, community, etc.
- i) Complete Bible Study Class for Juniors or Baptismal Class
- j) Earn one Honor outside of school and Pathfinders approved by the Club Director
- k) Plan and conduct a Children's Bible Story hour at least twice
- l) Must distribute Christian Literature 12 different times other than a scheduled Club activity
- m) Plan and conduct two programs on health for younger children
- n) Help or feed a needy person at least three different times
- o) Plan and conduct an educational nature walk for the entire club of not less than one hour
- p) Must serve as a Unit officer for a minimum of three months
- q) Plan and conduct three service projects in your neighborhood, community or church

Pathfinder Excellence Award

Purpose

While Pathfinding is designated to help youth appreciate the value of group participation, it should not be forgotten that there is scope for the development of the youth as an individual. A major part of Pathfinders is group activity. This is vital in learning the art of co-operation, which is a necessary ingredient in the make-up of a well balanced Christian.

The Pathfinder Excellence Award has been developed to recognize individual achievement over a **one-year period of time**. As in the class investiture pins and Honor tokens the Pathfinder Excellence Award should be awarded only to those who have reached a high standard of Pathfinder efficiency as outlined in these criteria.

Selection Process

Toward the close of the Pathfinder year the Pathfinder Club executive committee acts as the awards-recognition-selection group for their club. They will compare each Pathfinder's record of achievement with the criteria to establish who in the club qualifies for this award. (More than one way may qualify as well as none may qualify.)

Criteria

The following criteria must be applied by the Pathfinder executive committee when deciding whether a club member is entitled to the Pathfinder Excellence Award:

The Pathfinder --

1. Is an active member of the Pathfinder Club and has been for two or more years.
2. Is an example in uniform requirements, is on time for all meetings, and actively works as a leader in their unit.
3. Believes in and lives up to the Pathfinder Pledge and Law. Displays a loyalty to these Pathfinder ideals and holds them as a sacred honour.
4. Willingly accepts assigned responsibilities and demonstrates initiative and leadership in carrying them out simply or in a team effort.
5. Maintains personal equipment in the best possible condition.
6. Relates to all races and entire groups in a positive Christian manner.
7. Annually completes the current Pathfinder Class and, in addition, earns the offered Honours.

When and by Whom Should the Award be Presented

The Pathfinder Excellence Award is preferably to be made at a Pathfinder Day program in the church by the ranking Pathfinder leader or at the annual Investiture program by the investing leader **or** at the Conference camporee or fair by the conference youth leader.

When Should it be Worn?

The award becomes an integral part of the dress uniform and may be worn for 1 year from the date of presentation. After the close of each year, the wearer is reevaluated to determine continuance of privilege or loss of privilege. Once a Pathfinder leaves the club, he/she may keep the award for permanent usage only if he/she qualified during his final year. Adults not having been Pathfinders should not wear it.